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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Department Overview

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is one of the five departments under Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. While holding Youth accountable for their actions, DJJ is responsible for Prevention programs for at-risk youth in communities all over the Commonwealth. We are a multi-faceted agency that serves the Commonwealth's youth as juvenile corrections system for the state. DJJ is responsible for prevention programs for at-risk youth, pre-trial detention, residential placement, treatment services, probation, and community aftercare and reintegration programs, as well as the confinement of youth awaiting adult placement or court.

DJJ strives to promote a comprehensive array of cost-effective services for at-risk youth. These services are directed toward prevented delinquency, providing efficient rehabilitation services, and altering the rate of recidivism with appropriate aftercare while minimizing risk to the community. In providing services, DJJ supports and believes in the complete involvement of both the family and the community in the rehabilitation of troubled youth.

Kentucky DJJ is a nationally recognized program for the continuum of care it provides for rehabilitating delinquent youth. While many state's out-of-home placement options are limited to two or three large institutions, Kentucky can serve youth in a variety of small programs designed to meet specific treatment needs.

DJJ by the Numbers

Average daily youth population



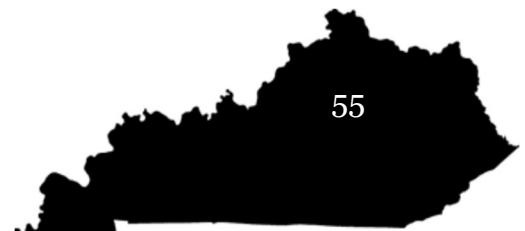
Men & Women Employed by DJJ



DJJ Facilities throughout KY



DJJ Community Services Offices



Program Operations

Includes regional divisions that provide oversight of the daily operations of juvenile detention centers, day treatment centers, group homes, and resident facilities.

Placement Services administers juvenile classification and placement functions, juvenile transportation services, alternative programming management and liaison service with private childcare contractors

Support Services

Includes Program Services, Administrative Services, and Medical Services.

Program Services staff is responsible for program development, quality assurance monitoring of agency and contract facilities internal monitoring of federal PREA standards, classroom and vocational education programs, and the department's policy and research efforts.

Administrative Services has responsibility for all fiscal, personnel, federal grant management, capital construction and information systems processes.

Medical Services professionals oversee the administration of medical and dental services for youth within the agency's residential programs.

The Community, Professional Development and Mental Health Services Division

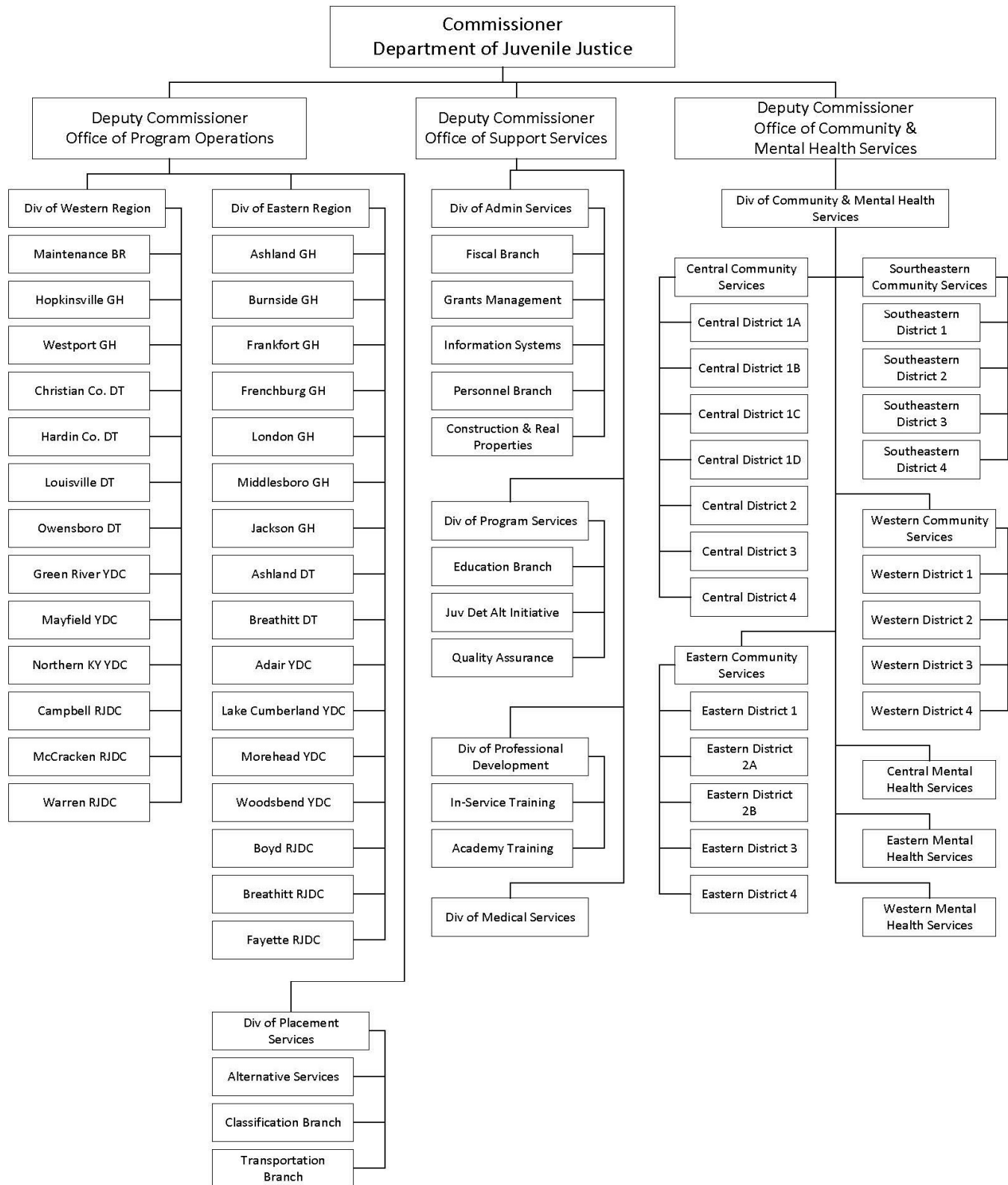
Provide services primarily to community youth and consultations to the staff in the community, group homes, day treatment centers, and residential programs.

Mental Health branches employ regional psychologists and their staff to provide assessment functions; including psychological evaluations requested by the courts; juvenile sex offender assessments and reassessments; crisis consultations (suicide evaluation, school violence assessment); drug/alcohol assessment; and mental health assessment. In addition, Mental Health Branches provide treatment functions, including juvenile sexual offender treatment, drug/alcohol counseling, mental health counseling, specialty groups (parenting, anger management), and consultation.

Community Services attend juvenile court, completes risk assessments, and is responsible for the juveniles probated and committed to the department from all 120 counties of the Commonwealth. Juvenile service workers assess each youth's needs for supervision and services and play a vital role in the decisions for out-of-home placement, supervision of the youth and brokering for services within the community.

Professional Development is responsible for the operation of the department's pre-service training academy and all in-service training programs for DJJ Staff.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Kentucky DJJ operates seven (7) treatment-oriented youth development centers. The YDC's can serve up to forty (40) youth. Each program has a section of the building dedicated to education. Youth attend school and all programs offer youth educational alternatives, such as graduation or GED track, as well as vocational opportunities. Some youth can receive college credit through the virtual university program. Individual, group, and family counseling are provided.

Adair YDC
Green River YDC
Lake Cumberland YDC
Mayfield YDC
Morehead YDC
Northern Kentucky YDC
Woodsbend YDC



REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS

Kentucky DJJ operates seven (8) secure Regional Juvenile Detention Centers that provide secure detention to all counties in Kentucky. The detention centers provide programs with a wide range of services including education, counseling, acute medical and mental health care, behavior management, observation, and assessment, as well as continuous supervision.

Adair RJDC
Boyd RJDC
Breathitt RJDC
Campbell RJDC
Fayette RJDC
Jefferson RJDC
McCracken RJDC
Warren RJDC

DAY TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Kentucky DJJ operates six (6) day-treatment programs. Day treatments are non-residential programs that provide education and intensive services to youth who live at home, in a foster home, or a group home and report to the program as requested. Day Treatment provides community-based services for eligible youth to prevent further involvement with the juvenile justice system, to prevent placement out of the community, and to return the youth back to the community after residential placement. Each day treatment can house thirty-six youth except for Breathitt (24) and Louisville (60).

Ashland DT (Boyd County)
Breathitt DT (Breathitt County)
Christian DT (Christian County)
Hardin DT (Hardin County)
Louisville DT (Jefferson County)
Owensboro DT (Daviess County)



GROUP HOMES

Kentucky DJJ operates nine (9) group homes that serve a variety of youth needs. Some group homes also function as step-down programs for youth leaving a youth development center that could benefit from a less restrictive level of care before they return home. Group homes use either day treatment or local public schools for the educational component, individual and group counseling, substance abuse treatment and community service are all elements of group home programs. A group home can house up to eight (8) youth who require a less restrictive structure than youth in development centers.

Ashland GH (Boyd County)
Burnside GH (Pulaski County)
Frankfort GH (Franklin County)
Frenchburg GH (Menifee County)
Hopkinsville GH (Christian County)
Jackson GH (Breathitt County)
London GH (Laurel County)
Middlesboro GH (Bell County)
Westport GH (Jefferson County)



2020-2021 DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Virtual Graduation Ceremony



May 13th, 2021 Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman and DJJ held a commencement ceremony to celebrate 52 youth high school graduates for the 2020-2021 academic year and an additional 6 youth for earning a GED, while in DJJ custody or care.

“Every Kentuckian has the right to quality education,” said Lt. Gov.

Coleman. “Today, we celebrate the young people from DJJ who earned their high school diploma or GED, as well as recognize the passion and investment of the DJJ and school staff. I am enthusiastic about the potential displayed by each of these young people; their educational achievements are the springboard to success in their lives.”

For the 2020-2021 academic year, educational services were provided to DJJ youth through a virtual platform, in addition to in-person instruction, as one of many steps taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within institutions.

DJJ educational programs adhere to all Kentucky state requirements and each facility complies with the local school district’s plan to meet the Kentucky Academic Standards according to 704 KAR 3:303. Students receive

6.0 hours of classroom instruction per day per KRS 158.060 (3) and teachers on staff at DJJ are fully certified according to Kentucky Professional Standards Board.

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Deputy Secretary Ronnie Bastin said that educational programming is directed toward preventing delinquency, providing efficient rehabilitation services and altering the rate of recidivism with appropriate aftercare while minimizing risk to the community. “Empowering our youth with the necessary tools and positivity that help them grow into strong, knowledgeable adults that contribute successfully to society is a key part of DJJ’s mission. All youth who transfer into DJJ custody that lack a GED or a high school diploma are offered access to programming that enhance their education and future careers, while also providing structure and services to address any trauma or crisis they have experienced which led them to DJJ.”

Additionally, youth residents earned a total of 142 vocational certificates during the 2020-2021 academic year. Vocational opportunities available include: Building and Apartment Maintenance/Carpentry, Building and Apartment Maintenance/Electrical, Welding, Masonry, Horticulture, Business, Computer Training, Fiber Optics, Copper Cabling, Home Audio, Energy Management, Telecom and Grounding and Bonding.

For any youth in DJJ custody who had already earned a high school diploma, they are given the opportunity to earn ACT WorkKeys, attend online college courses, participate in work experience when applicable or take vocational and technical classes.

STATEWIDE DIRECTORS MEETING

Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, the Annual Statewide Directors meeting was held virtually in May 2021. Topics of discussion were Legislative, Classification, Youthful Offenders, ICJ, JDAI, and ATD. Updates on Treatment Model, Fiscal, Human Resources, Facilities, Community, Human Trafficking, and Aetna (KY SKY).

ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

On October 6, 2020 through October 26, 2020, DJJ held its 1st Annual spelling bee competition. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Bee was held virtually.



There were five (5) Scholarship Winners, with a tie for 1st place:

1st Place Winner from Morehead Youth Development Center received a \$500 Scholarship along with a \$200 bonus for not missing a single word throughout the entire Bee Total \$700 Scholarship Award

1st Place Winner from Lake Cumberland Youth Development Center received a \$500 Scholarship

2nd Place Winner from Mayfield Youth Development Center received a \$100 Scholarship

3rd Place Winner from Morehead Youth Development Center received a \$75 Scholarship

Sixty-six youth from eight (8) Group Homes and seven (7) Youth Development Centers signed up to participate in the Spelling Bee.

Over 750 words were disbursed through multiple rounds over the course of five (5) days!

All Bee participants received a participation medallion and the Facility that had the Winning Scholar received the traveling trophy.

Congratulations Morehead Youth Development Center for winning the Traveling Trophy!



KENTUCKY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AT WORK

The goal of Kentucky's juvenile justice system is to continue reducing unnecessary out-of-home placements while still mitigating the risk of future offenses and ensuring public safety. Since 2016, DJJ has seen 57% fewer detention intakes, and staff members are continuing efforts to keep low-level offenders in the least restrictive setting possible.

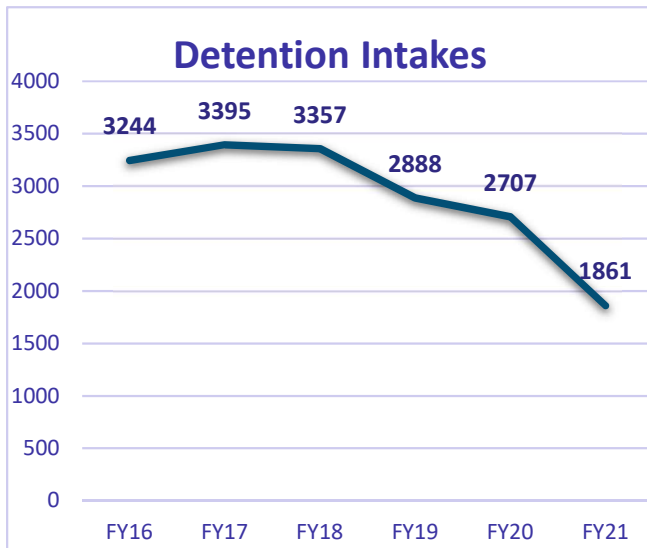


Chart represents number of intakes into RJDC per fiscal year.

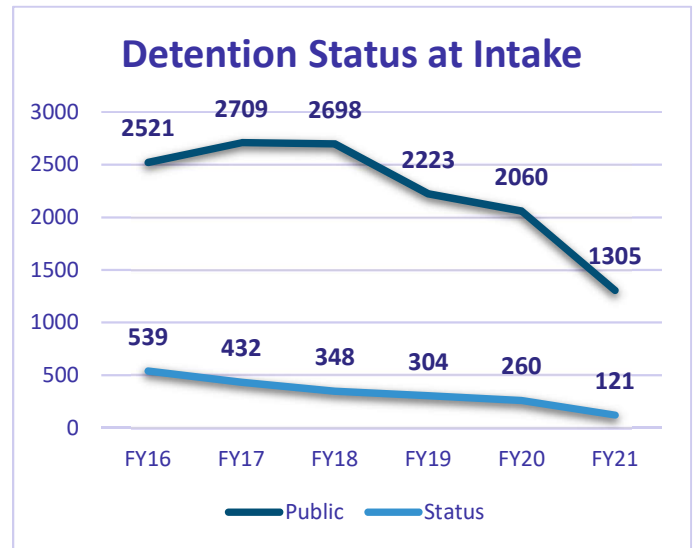


Chart represents the breakdown of intakes into RJDC by either Public or Status Offense (filtered down to highest class of offense if youth have multiple offenses at intake).

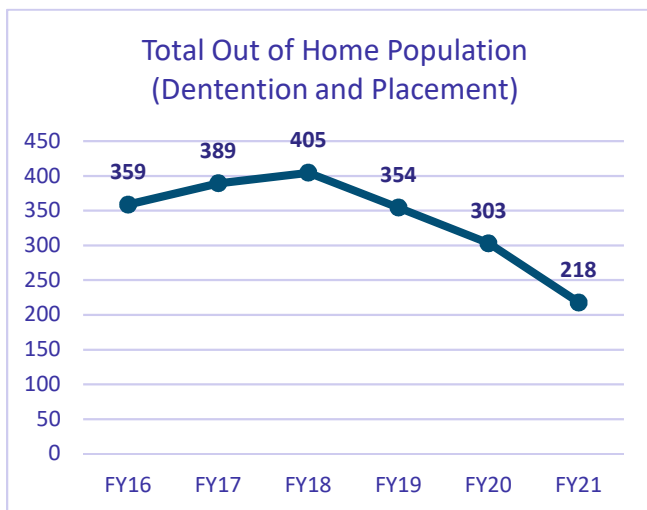


Chart represents the average daily pop for all DJJ operated facilities (Group Homes, Regional Juvenile Detention Centers and Youth Development Centers) for the specific fiscal year.

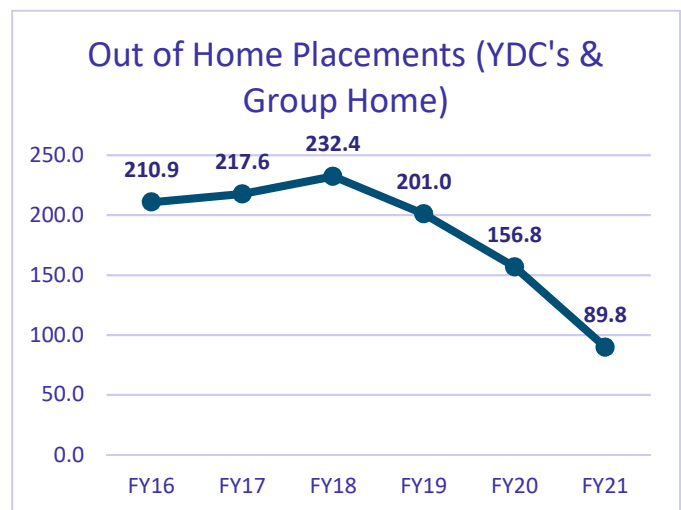


Chart represents the average daily pop for committed out of home places youth (Group Homes and Youth Development Centers) for the specific fiscal year.

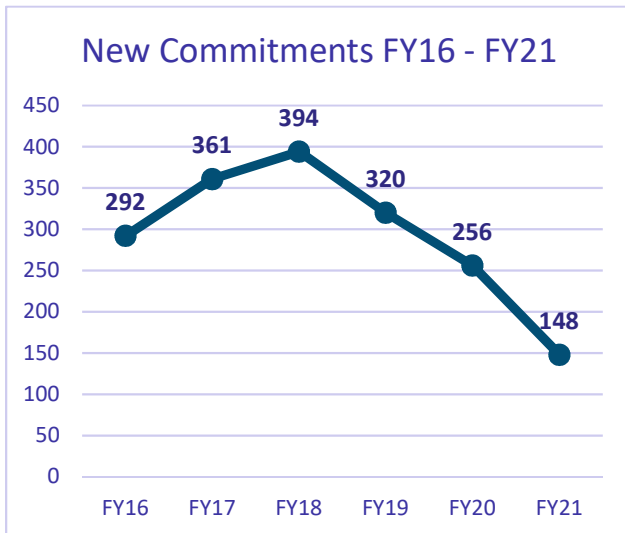


Chart represents the number of adjudications in a fiscal year that resulted in a youth being committed to DJJ.

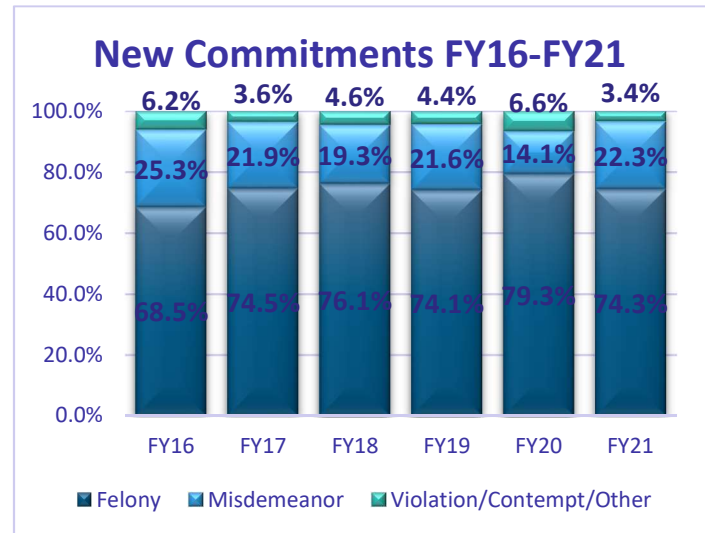


Chart represents a percentage breakdown of the class of offense the youth was committed to DJJ in a fiscal year (Chart is filtered to the single highest class offense if the youth was committed on more than one offense).

Youth Referred for Out of Home Placement by Fiscal Year and Highest Class of Offense									
	Felony A	Felony B	Felony C	Felony D	MisDA	Misd B	Probation Violation	Violation	Totals
FY16	5	22	28	38	18	8	3	0	122
FY17	6	25	34	50	19	5	3	0	142
FY18	7	34	73	48	28	6	0	0	196
FY19	5	26	37	63	22	5	0	0	158
FY20	8	28	43	61	20	8	0	0	168
FY21	4	11	15	21	7	1	0	0	59

Chart represents highest class of offense a youth was referred for an out-of-home placement with DJJ. This number includes both Public Offenders (PO) and Youthful Offenders (YO)

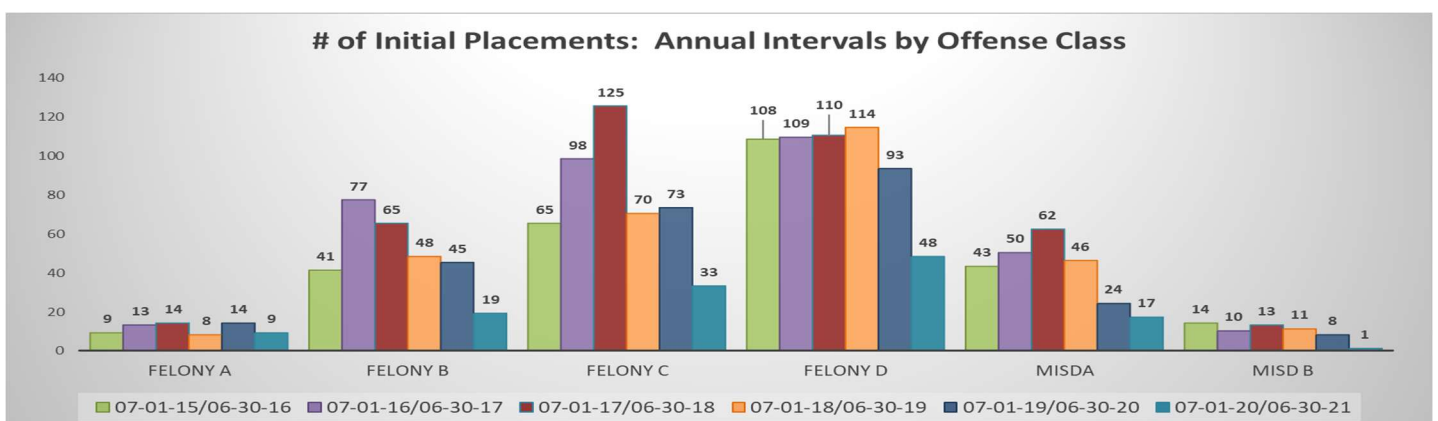


Chart looks at the number of referrals for out-of-home Placement and compares like class of Offenses over different fiscal years (continuation of the chart above).

DIVISION OF PROGRAM SERVICES

Education Branch

Overview

DJJ contracts with 36 local school districts to provide education in 41 schools across the state. We have eight (8) Detention schools, seven (7) Youth Development Schools, two (2) Group Home schools, six (6) DJJ Day Treatment schools and eighteen (18) contracted Day Treatment schools. During the 2020-21 school year, DJJ served 1,559 DJJ students and 684 non-DJJ students in our contracted school programs. All our schools adhere to state and federal regulations for education. Students attend school six (6) hours per day, and for those students who are with us during the summer months, we offer an extended school schedule (210 days). Every program has special education certified teachers on staff. DJJ also meets the needs of gifted students through advanced coursework opportunities including Dual Credit college courses. During this academic year there were students enrolled in eleven (11) credit-bearing college courses. Through collaboration with local, state, and agency resources, we provide significant and unique opportunities for our students to prepare them to be college and career ready.

DJJ contracts with the Office of Career and Technical Education to provide vocational opportunities in all seven (7) of our Youth Development Centers and in two (2) of our Day Treatment programs. Career and Technical courses include: Building and Apartment Maintenance/Carpentry, Building and Apartment Maintenance/Electrical, Welding, Masonry, Horticulture, Business, and Computer Training. We offer classes in Workplace Principles and Personal Finance Management. Students can earn certifications

in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Center for Construction education and Research (NCCER), and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Additionally, we offer an array of certifications in C-Tech courses, which include Exploring Information Technology, Introduction to Telecommunications, Introduction to Copper Cabling, Introduction to Fiber Optics, Grounding and Bonding, Home Audio Entertainment, Energy Management, and Telephone Systems

Education Matters!

During the 2020-21 academic year there were 228 vocational certifications awarded to our DJJ students. Despite Covid-19 restrictions and teachers providing non-traditional instruction for part of the school year, we had 107 industry certifications and 121 C-Tech certifications in our programs. Our vocational teachers took great initiative and developed an entirely virtual course for OSHA and were able to award 45 OSHA certifications in General Industry or Safety.

Students from the Youth Development Centers and Louisville Day are registered with the Kentucky Department of Labor's Apprenticeship program. During the 2020-21 school year, our DJJ students logged 977 hours in Building and Apartment Maintenance, 786 hours in Telecommunications, and 1,062 hours in Welding. Records of these pre-apprenticeship hours can lead to job placements and employment opportunities in the future.

Quality Assurance Branch

The overall objective of the Quality Assurance Branch (QA) is to monitor the services, program activities and operations within the agency to insure adherence to American Correctional Association (ACA) standards and the agency's internal policies and procedures.

The Quality Assurance Branch conducts annual monitoring for all residential facilities, community programs, the training branch, and Central Office for standards and expectations. The role of QA is to ensure DJJ's mission, vision, and services are conducted with practices to ensure that the continuum of care the department provides for the youth it serves is of a caliber that best benefits the youth, families, and communities it serves.

Kentucky DJJ is one of few across the nation to be fully accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA). Quality Assurance (QA) serves as a valuable resource in

maintaining accreditation through training, technical assistance, annual monitoring, and audit support services across the department.

QA serves as the Department's Representative at ACA panel hearings that occur twice each year for accreditation of the departments programs, in addition, the Quality Assurance Branch assists in the development and monitoring of Department policy and procedures.

For the 2020 – 2021 Fiscal year, QA has completed annual monitoring of all scheduled programs. Due to Covid-19 restrictions some monitoring were conducted electronically; a process developed to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. In addition; the Quality Assurance team was able to successfully complete the reaccreditation process of the ACA audits for the following programs:

DJJ Central Office	ACA Compliance Score 100%
DJJ Community and Mental Health Division	ACA Compliance Score 100%
DJJ Professional Development Division	ACA Compliance Score 100%
Adair Youth Development Center	ACA Compliance Score 100%
Mayfield Youth Development Center	ACA Compliance Score 100%
Burnside Group Home	ACA Compliance Score 100%
London Group Home	ACA Compliance Score 100%
Middlesboro Group Home	ACA Compliance Score 100%
Hopkinsville Group Home	ACA Compliance Score 100%

Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2013 (PREA)

DJJ is committed to establishing a zero-tolerance environment against the sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment of youth in confinement pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). DJJ has 41 National Standards and 185 sub-standards to meet to ensure compliance with all facets of the federal law. DJJ annually monitors Youth Development Centers, Group Homes and Detention Centers for PREA compliance. During the fiscal year, the following eleven (11) DJJ facilities were federally audited and were found to be 100 percent in compliance with no corrective actions reported

**DJJ has a zero
tolerance policy for
sexual ABUSE,
assault, or
harassment**

Facilities that received a PREA audit during the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

Federal Audits

*Facility Federal audits
are conducted once every
three years on a
continuous cycle. The
Prison Rape Elimination
Act (PREA) Audit Final
Reports are housed on the
agency website.*

- ❖ Burnside Group Home
- ❖ Adair Youth Development Center/ Regional Juvenile Detention Center
- ❖ Green River Youth Development Center
- ❖ Mayfield Youth Development Center
- ❖ Ashland Group Home
- ❖ Boyd Regional Juvenile Detention Center
- ❖ Fayette Regional Juvenile Detention Center
- ❖ Lake Cumberland Youth Development Center
- ❖ Westport Group Home
- ❖ Breathitt Regional Juvenile Detention Center
- ❖ Jackson Group Home

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Grants Branch

The Grants Branch identifies federal funding opportunities, formulates grant applications and implementation plans, and provides oversight for federal funds received by the Department. DJJ is the designated state agency responsible for the administration of Title II Formula Grant Funds from the Office of Justice Programs. DJJ receives more than \$1.5 million annually from the Office of Justice Programs federal grant programs, including Second Chance, Emergency Planning, Prison Rape and Elimination Act, and Title II Formula Grants. The greatest percentage of funds are disbursed to state and local providers that focus on serving youth up to age 18 in the areas of delinquency prevention, reducing racial and ethnic disparities, and juvenile justice system improvements.

The Branch works in collaboration with state partners, such as the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Public Advocacy in an effort to coordinate services across all contact points in the continuum of care. The Branch is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. At present, there are approximately 300 secure and non-secure facilities throughout the Commonwealth requiring 100% verification of compliance over a 3-year period. Other responsibilities of GMB include the research and development of new programs, identifying future grant opportunities, developing proposals, submitting applications, conducting site visits, program reporting, providing technical assistance, and serving as a liaison with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Information Services Branch

Significant updates to the Juvenile Offender Resource Information (JORI) system continued this year. Case Plan, Summaries, and Face Sheets functions were all enhanced this year as well as overall performance-tuning completed to the case management system utilized to track youth probated, committed, and confined to the department. Migration of the Detention/Booking system to a new centralized server completed this year yielding operational efficiency gains. A new application designed and deployed to support new Marsy's Law legislation to aid in victim notification for youth status changes. Significant investments made this year to the Camera security systems in all facilities with deployment of new network storage devices that increase the quality & storage of our video feeds. Additionally, many efforts put forth in supporting educational remote learning in our facilities by providing proxy and wireless access installations and support due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Capital Construction and Real Properties

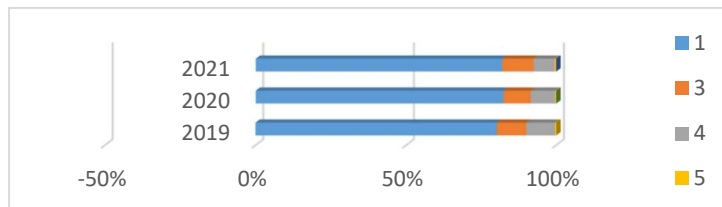
In fiscal year 2020, the department was allotted \$1,000,000 for capital expenditures. Expenditures were for physical plant repairs or improvements in the areas of:

- **Architectural and engineering fees associated with repairs and renovations**
- **Security systems repairs and replacements**
- **HVAC system repairs and replacement, chiller repairs, boiler repairs and replacements**
- **New roofs and roof repairs**
- **Paving, sealing, and striping of parking lots**
- **Plumbing and sewer system repairs**

- **Building Automation updates**
- **Electrical Repairs/Energy Efficiency Upgrades**
- **Generator Improvements**
- **A study to determine safety vs. cost effectiveness as it pertains to renovations and/or construction of a replacement detention facility in Jefferson County.**

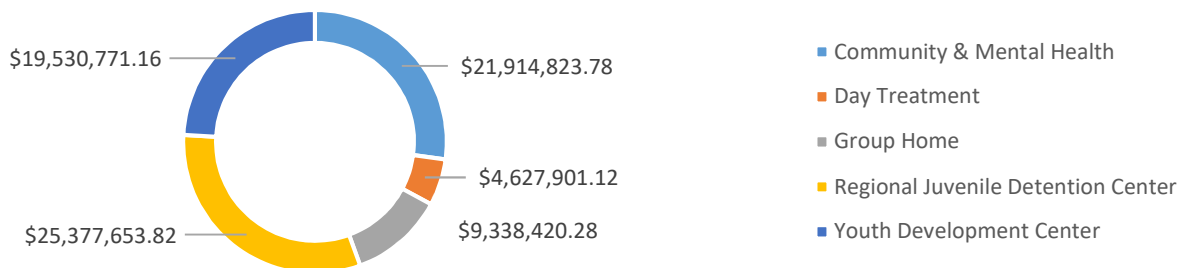
Fiscal Branch

In fiscal year 2021, the Fiscal Branch managed a \$121,474,500 budget including \$25,046,100 of federal funds for 90 budget units. The branch provided fiscal oversight of 133 contracts, 80,000+ payments processed to 2,000+ vendors.



Sum of Posting Amount	Column Labels						
Row Labels	1	3	4	5	6	7	Grand Total
2019	\$98,003,873.42	\$11,955,085.11	\$11,770,162.28	\$479,741.27	-\$37,041.00		\$122,171,821.08
2020	\$92,648,132.22	\$10,225,685.10	\$9,109,450.11	\$457,659.69	\$43,417.62	\$392.00	\$112,484,736.74
2021	\$85,050,266.75	\$10,827,017.67	\$7,268,386.34	\$464,169.48	\$139,836.93		\$103,749,677.17
Grand Total	\$275,702,272.39	\$33,007,787.88	\$28,147,998.73	\$1,401,570.44	\$146,213.55	\$392.00	\$338,406,234.99

Total



Row Labels	Sum of Posting Amount
Community & Mental Health	\$ 21,914,823.78
Day Treatment	\$ 4,627,901.12
Group Home	\$ 9,338,420.28
Regional Juvenile Detention Center	\$ 25,377,653.82
Youth Development Center	\$ 19,530,771.16
Grand Total	\$ 80,789,570.16

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Overview

To help identify the youth's risks and needs, DJJ has recently implemented the Youth Assessment and Screening instrument (YASI) to provide measurable effective Community Supervision and prepare for aftercare.

Regarding Community Supervision, the YASI can help identify treatment needs, goals, supports, programs, and even placements that are individualized and defined to promote successful supervision. Regarding Aftercare Services and Programming, the YASI will be reviewed and updated as needed and a final review will take place at the discharge-planning stage to promote continued success in the aftercare stage. The goal for all DJJ services is to be linked to post-release considerations such as effective aftercare and reduced recidivism.

The YASI identifies goals, strengths, and interests from the youth's perspective. This allows DJJ Community Supervision and programming to identify some treatment and other issues and help us focus immediately and continually on both mitigating and aggravating factors. YASI will be reviewed and updated, and a final YASI review will take place at the discharge-planning stage to promote continued success in the aftercare stage.

The Community and Mental Health Branch is working to improve all outcomes with justice-involved youth in the community. This plan includes various components, including providing Juvenile Service Workers (JSW's) with additional resources to structure and enhanced supervision contacts with youth in order to promote long-term changes in behavior and reduce recidivism. The Change Companies Forward Thinking curriculum is an evidence-based program and was selected as one of the various interventions for justice-involved youth in the community. This interactive journal curriculum includes nine (9) individual journals and nine (9) facilitator guides. Training is ongoing.

Forward thinking is designed to be used in conjunction with a validated risk/needs assessment and pairs with the domains and criminogenic needs on YASI. Therefore, once a youth's risks and needs are determined by YASI, the JSW can assign the corresponding journal(s) in the curriculum.

YASI: Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument

The YASI is an innovative juvenile risk assessment tool that measures risk, needs, and protective factors in at-risk and juvenile justice involved youth. The YASI will allow DJJ staff to enter and analyze collected data and ultimately link youth assessment to case planning and service provision.

Interactive Journaling: Forward Thinking

A pilot roll-out of the curriculum is planned for identified districts in October 2021 as state-wide implantation will be in the future.

Statewide Resource Guide

Community resources, partnerships, and collaborations are vital in meeting DJJ's mission. The department understands that we cannot fully serve our troubled youth without serving the entire family. To help promote this mission, our resource guides have allowed us to provide access to additional help and resources in prevention, intervention, and aftercare success. The statewide guides put together by KY Administration Office of the Courts (AOC) as part of the Fair Team initiative, give each county a specialized and local list of resources to educate and assist them. Another regional event is being planned to gather agencies together to share information and add their agency to the current Resource Guide for their counties. The regional R.A.P is part of a Resource Assistance Program that began with the first event taking place in 2013.

In May of 2021, DJJ began a successful partnership project with Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) to update our current website. Our goal is to make the site more user friendly and informative for DJJ staff, youth, youth's families, and all community stakeholders. The site will be modeled after DOC's new website which accomplishes our goal and objectives.

This division established a committee to evaluate our current site, review other sites like DOC, and make suggestions to DOC as their web developer will help us create and maintain the new updated site. One suggestion included an interactive map of the state including all 120 counties, to easily access contact information, available resources from our comprehensive resource guide, and even provide directions to community offices. In addition, other links may be added to provide easy access to other states sites regarding: COVID – 19 updates, other state agencies, and local sites of interest.

Despite continued decreases in population of DJJ assigned youth as well as most community staff telecommuting from home during Covid-19 protocols, the accreditation process continued with an on-site visit in March of 2021 resulting in 100% compliance. The Division's Accreditation Manager has developed an on-line system for all community staff to review standards and expectations, contribute best-practice examples, and ensure that examples come from all districts statewide in preparation for the upcoming audit.

All probated, committed, and sentenced youth may be subject to drug screenings and confirmation testing to protect the community, assure personable accountability, and assist in developing appropriate services and treatment planning for youth. DJJ continues to obtain screening devices and lab services for more dangerous drug trends such as fentanyl, synthetics, and other "designer drugs" that are prevalent in our communities.

Regarding Substance abuse education, additional training has been offered this past year by the University of Kentucky Center on Trauma through a grant provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The KY Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors also forwards opportunities for additional training and materials for staff, youth, and families.

Probated, committed, or sentenced youth may be subject to electronic monitoring (EM). EM is a supervision tool that provides information about the youth's presence at, or absence from, his/her residence, or other assigned location. EM may include ankle monitors, passive, or active Global Positioning System (GPS), and voice verification equipment.

Our latest tool is a youth-friendly mobile phone application that uses a biometric identity feature and the youth's mobile device GPS to monitor a youth's location and scheduled check-ins per the community worker. Other ankle-based GPS monitors allow workers to communicate with clients using pre-recorded messages, prompts and audible alarms that are sent when youth are non-compliant or out-of-range. These products will serve the Division greatly in working with our high-risk population to increase safety and security.

Just prior to Covid-10 pandemic and protocols, DJJ began discussing use of this phone application to help both DJJ staff monitor youth in a simpler, secure, and more safe manner using Covid precautions. As steps were taken to help with the increasingly shortened transition of youth leaving facilities, weekly live trainings on SmartLINK and BI Voice ID (backup) are available along with pre-recorded trainings to help workers and possibly facility staff learn the tools and communicate more effectively with their youth and families.

ACA

The Division of Community, Professional Development, and Mental Health Services

continues to be fully accredited and compliant with the American Correctional Association (ACA) across all districts

Drug Screening & Laboratory Confirmations

The drug screening process has been simplified as screens are now built-into the specimen cup to lessen physical contact and other Covid health concerns and reduce the chain of custody. In addition, the specimen cup can be sent directly to the testing lab when needed.

Electronic Monitoring

DJJ currently provides seven different monitoring tools to individualize this service and provide the most effective level of tracking as part of the treatment process.

DJJ has in place an Electronic Monitoring Steering Committee with representatives from all community regions to help train and teach their regional district staff on EM procedures and products.

Juvenile Justice Intensive Supervision Team (JIST)

The goal of JIST is to provide intensive supervision for committed or probated youth who are at high risk of reoffending. The Division will continue to encourage partnerships between Community Services staff and local law enforcement for JIST services across the state. As interest grows and more funding become available, meetings will occur to complete additional formal Memorandums of Understanding (MOS's) between DJJ and other criminal justice agencies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The DJJ Professional Development Training Branch. Has an extensive On the Job training process, Field Training Instructor Mentoring program was utilized as part of the Youth Worker Basic Training Academy to ensure structured training for all youth Workers that reflect and is a continuation of the Academy curriculum.

The Training Branch provided tenure staff with mandatory trainings. In addition, provide any requested specific training throughout the

agency to meet the training needs and address their concerns in proficient and professional manner. Youth Worker Basic Training due to CoVID-19 and the state, local and agency social gathering/distancing guidelines moved to a virtual online training platform via Zoom, which in turn proved to be cost effective for the department.

The training Branch Staff/Instructors facilitated any specialized training events presented by outside vendors.

Youth Worker Basic Training Academy			
Academy #	Date	Graduated	Resigned or Terminated
107	April 20th - May 5th, 2020	34	23
108	July 20th - August 14th, 2020	51	23
109	October 19th - November 13th, 2020	35	20
110	February 1st - February 26th, 2021	45	16
111	April 19th - May 14th, 2021	42	12
Total Graduated		207	Total Loss 94
Total New Workers with a year or less tenure to date		113	Percentage Lost 45.41%
Grand Total Pre-Service Training Hours per Youth Worker Academy		154.5	

The In-service Branch provides onboarding and ongoing training for all Department employees, as well as facilitates required seminars, meetings, and events for all divisions as requested.
Grand Total In-Service Training hours: 539.75, This includes 458.00 In-service training list hours.

This past year the Leadership Academy was created and implemented for facility staff, utilizing online testing to ensure appropriate material was retained by participants. The Leadership Academy courses were taught via live face-to-face online sessions, and participants accessed teaching materials, quiz information on a dedicated SharePoint page also created by training branch personnel. Additionally, the In-Service Branch has assisted the Personnel Cabinet/Human Resources in creating a dedicated DJJ SharePoint page for recorded training sessions to streamline the onboarding and ongoing process of requested, editing the content,

posting sessions, adding individual session quizzes to the online database and reporting back participants' results to HR personnel, and overall monitoring of the SharePoint page for needed update. The In-service Branch also implemented an online testing database to be utilized across the Department to ensure knowledge checks for all trainings as desired. Quizzes are created by assigned staff and participants' can easily take the quiz online as their schedule allows. The online data base provides the ability to utilize reports that can highlight areas that may need to be readdressed, ensuring that all participants grasp the material being taught.

Program Operations: Placement Services Division

Overview

Placement Services includes branches governing:

- **Alternatives to Detention (ATD)**
- **Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI)**
- **Juvenile Classification and Placement Functions**
- **Juvenile Transportation Services**
- **Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)**
- **Data Analysis**

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

The JDAI work, which focuses on decreasing the use of unnecessary detention, has achieved State Scale implementation based on analyzing detention admissions per county in the State.

JDAI currently is being implemented in 9 counties (Campbell, Kenton, Boone, Jefferson, Fayette, Daviess, Hardin, McCracken, and Christian) and is currently in process for onboarding future counties. In doing so, the state has completed several activities to support state scale work this year.

These include:

1. **Completion of the Detention Utilization Study and System Assessments in each new site**
2. **Completion of the Statewide Detention Screening Instrument**
3. **Completion of updating policies to incorporate the JDAI Standards in all DJJ Facilities**
4. **Implementing statewide expansion of Alternatives to Detention Programs**

Alternatives to detention

In the past year, the Alternatives Branch has had many changes. The Branch is small, and including the Branch Manager, serves the entire state with only 13 workers. The Branch successfully began serving the Jefferson County/Louisville Metro area providing Alternative Services. While it was a huge undertaking, the transition was made very smoothly, and services are being provided on a very intense level. Not only is the agency able to provide Home Incarceration Services, but we are also able to provide out of home options to the county, which is a new and much appreciated service.

The Branch has been working to keep all lower-level juveniles out of detention and has been working with AOC and JDAI to place juveniles on Home Incarceration and in Foster Care when they are taken into custody prior to the initial detention.

While our numbers may continue to grow, this allows the courts to keep juveniles out of detention, which is the goal of the Alternatives Branch.

Classification Branch

The Classification Branch has developed an existing DJJ space into an archive location and has developed a process by which to archive files internally for the entire agency which results in a cost savings of several thousand dollars annually. Additionally, web-based training has been developed for this area. The Virtual Records Project continues to make progress. Referrals for out of home placements are completed electronically as well as information shared by Classification to the facilities

The primary function of Classification is reviewing referrals and out-of-home placement of Committed and Sentenced youth. Due to the world-wide pandemic, Classification staff had to be mindful of complications created by 14-day quarantines, COVID testing, and offline facilities while still placing youth within mandated time frames. This was a coordinated effort between Executive Management and Classification staff. Due to telecommuting it became necessary to change the process of reviewing referrals to be completely digital. This process also changed the way Classification records were stored, since we were no longer printing the referrals, all the referrals could be digitized and uploaded into the Department's software system. These changes effected the Classification budget by saving expenses on paper, ink, files, and archiving.

In December 2017, the DJJ Retention Schedule was updated. Between the records that met the retention schedule normally and the new change to the retention schedule, resulted in over 2,000 boxes of records that had to be destroyed. This vast project was completed in late 2019 when the final records were destroyed. In June 2020, the retention schedule was updated; however, due to the pandemic, had limited the ability to destroy these records.

Additionally, Classification staff worked with the Department's Training Branch to develop web-based trainings regarding Youthful Offenders and Archiving. Both trainings were published in 2021 for DJJ staff to complete. These trainings will assist staff in understanding the processes and will save time in completing court records and paperwork.

Finally, the Classification Branch has continued to use existing DJJ space to store archive files internally. By not storing the Department's records at the Kentucky Department Libraries and Archives has saved DJJ several thousand dollars annually.

Transportation Branch

The DJJ Transportation Branch transports ATD, committed and sentenced youth to out-of-home placements, youth in detention to medical appointments and move youth to other detention centers.

In December 2019, the Jefferson Youth Detention Center (a county detention center) was closed, and the Jefferson Regional Juvenile Detention Center (a DJJ state detention center) was opened. Due to change, the Transportation Branch primarily moves youth from JRJDC to other detention centers as needed. In 2019, there were a total of 292 detention to detention transports. In 2020, there were a total of 303 detention to detention transports.

Due to the worldwide pandemic, when a detention center went offline due to a possible COVID exposure, no youth could be admitted to that detention center. As a result, law enforcement met with the Transportation Branch driver for the DJJ driver to transport the youth to a designated detention center. The Transportation Branch Manager and drivers had to be on call for nights and weekends due to this situation.

Additionally

DJJ installed cameras in each of the transport driver state vehicles which were operational while a youth was being transported. The information on the recording was saved for 30 days for executive staff to review if needed. Each driver has a state cell phone in which a transportation app is installed. This app allows the transport to have the necessary paperwork for the transport versus printing out documents. By utilizing the transportation app, this has saved time, paper, ink and filing which results in saving the state money. We also transport youth, DJJ committed youth from YDC, group homes and other placements to their home community offices. The Transportation Branch currently has twelve (12) drivers located at various locations across the state.

Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ)

Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) is the law that regulates the interstate movement of juveniles who are under court supervision or need to be returned to their home states as runaways, escapees, absconders, or juvenile delinquents. The ICJ is a contract that has been adopted as law throughout the United States. Therefore, all state and local officials are legally

bound to honor and enforce. Kentucky is a member of this Compact which covers all 120 counties.

Kentucky rolled out the Uniform Nationwide Interstate Tracking for Youth (UNITY) in May 2021. UNITY is a new case management system which tracks manages ICJ youth (transfers, travel permit and returns-runaway, absconders, escapees and accused delinquents). Kentucky completed the transition from the old data system (JIDS) to the new data system (UNITY) early with great success.

Due to COVID-19, Interstate Compact for Juveniles adopted emergency guidelines and information regarding restrictions. Our day-to-day operations and procedures for managing, locating, and supervising juveniles across Kentucky and the nation changed. Due to the rapidly changing information received and unique new situations that arose, KY ICJ staff were continuously problem solving and navigating the new challenges presented by the pandemic.

Kentucky ICJ processed 182 returns from other states (runaways, absconders, escapees & accused delinquents) and 106 transfer of supervision requests (probation & parole).

PROGRAM OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATES

Detention Centers

Boyd Regional Juvenile Detention Center

This past year was the most unique and trying year in the sixteen years of operations for the facility. The COVID-19 Pandemic made the facility adapt to several new ways of doing business. We were able to implement virtual courts, virtual family visitation, virtual assessments, and virtual attorney visits. We have completely shifted our school academics to an online platform. Although the teachers remain in the classroom, this technology has allowed students to work on their specific educational needs at their own pace. We continued our partnership with the Boyd County Extension Office and hatched chickens again this year.

This past year we completed 139 intakes with the vast majority being from Jefferson County. We continued to help with overflow from all other Regional Detention Centers. Also, during the past year, we provided meals to the Ashland Day Treatment during times of need as well as the Ashland Group Home. We continue to provide office space to the Division Director of Operations, a Nurse Administrator, and the Community Services E-4 office.

Breathitt Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Breathitt Regional Juvenile Detention Center served 180 residents from July 2020 to June 2021. As we all faced the challenge of working through a global pandemic, we became more creative with incentives in lieu of having visitors and outside programming for the facility. As a result, we began hosting a weekly coloring contest, which quickly became popular, and competitive, among residents. We encouraged family Zoom visits and extended

phone call lengths on visitation days to keep residents in close contact with their families. Additionally, we purchased portable DVD players, more movies, and MP3 players for our residents, especially for those in quarantine. More recently, we have initiated the installation of Netflix and Disney+ in our facility to expand entertainment options for our residents during downtime. Most of all, Breathitt RJDC is proud of the outstanding academic performance of many of our residents. During this period, we had five residents complete the requirements to earn their high school diploma.

Campbell Regional Juvenile Detention Center

The detention center had limited activities for youth during the year due to covid-19 restrictions, but the youth were able to participate in a few activities and receive additional incentives. Youth participated in Minute to Win It activities during this year along with staff. In addition, youth participated in a Fear Factor event. The youth received multiple zoom calls with family on a weekly basis to aid in the lack of in-person visitation. Staff received additional training to include conflict resolution and de-escalation skills in order to assist youth in verbally talking thru issues.

Jefferson Regional Juvenile Detention Center: During the past year, JRJDC gained new leadership. More structured schedules were put into place along with the hiring of a counselor to begin implementing treatment. We had more youth attending school and successfully graduated one youth. Because of Covid and increased room confinement for the youth, journals, DVD players, movies, handheld games, and radios were purchased to keep the youth occupied while confined. A game room was created for upper-level youth which gives lower-level youth something positive to work towards. As we have Jefferson county youth

and a serious gang issue in the community, staff were trained and learned how to identify territories and rival gangs. This has helped in keeping youth separated to prevent critical incidents. This has also helped keep isolation and restraint stats lower than they were before. A few of the staff have been trained in Verbal Judo which has been successfully used in some situations. Moving forward, the plan is to have all staff trained in Verbal Judo.

Fayette Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Within The past year Fayette RJDC continued to receive a high volume of youth despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility did over 700 new intakes and maintained communication between residents and families via Zoom, eventually to allow some in-person visitation when criteria for visitation was met. Multiple church groups continued to offer volunteer services by virtual means. FRJDC transitioned to Franklin County public Schools to provide educational services which has become very successful. A total of 5 residents have graduated earning their high school diploma and 1 earning a G.E.D. Franklin County continues to look for ways to improve educational and vocational services in the facility.

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McCracken Regional Juvenile Detention Center

This past year has year has brought many challenges to our program here at McCracken Regional Juvenile Detention Center, with the biggest being the global pandemic Covid-19. A major focus was utilized in sanitization and cleaning of the facility, in order to keep both residents and staff as safe and healthy, as possible. Not only did we have to deal with rapidly changes to guidelines due to the pandemic, but we did also so with critical staffing issues, all while maintaining the normal day to day function of the facility and continued “normalcy” for our residents. We utilized visitation with loved ones and court appearances via ZOOM for the residents, when we had to prevent any outside guests from entering the facility. This has affected the programming because church services, Life Skills, and even the barber have been on hold until further notice. Wild Health is on-site weekly to perform Covid tests for both residents and staff. Even despite the changes, we continue to see that residents are receiving their education, counseling, and medical needs. We have seen a decrease in restraints, room confinements and hotline call over the past few months. With the guidelines forbidding gatherings of large groups due to Covid-19, we were not able to celebrate Thanksgiving and have the traditional Christmas Party, however, we made sure to have catered meals prepared on both occasions, in which residents and staff both enjoyed. Under the new leadership detailed promotions of Superintendent Felicia Weatherspoon-Howe and Assistant Superintendent Benjamin Cook, “teamwork”

and “positivity” brought a new light into the facility. Every member of staff from Youth Worker Series and Counselors, to Administration Staff pulled together and worked countless hours of overtime, all in the betterment of the facility.

Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center

Due to the global pandemic (Covid-19), the past year has brought many challenges to our program here at Warren Regional Juvenile Detention. We have faced extreme staff shortages, had to deal with rapidly changing guidelines, a strong focus has been put on sanitization and cleaning, all while attempting to maintain some normalcy for our residents during this time. We began offering visitation via Zoom to our residents and their families. We have Wild Health come in weekly and perform Covid test to our staff and residents because health and safety is of the upmost importance to Warren. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel any visitors from coming inside the building, so we haven’t had any guest speakers, etc. for some time. Despite the changes, we have continued to see our residents complete credit recovery, (3) residents earned their high school diplomas, and we held graduations via Zoom. We saw a decrease in restraints, room confinements and hotline calls. We have started offering more positive incentives through our Upper-Level program. We couldn’t have our traditional Christmas Party due to guidelines forbidding large gatherings but still we were able to see that our residents celebrated the Holiday and received gifts from the community.

Youth Development Centers

Adair Youth Development Center

Adair continues to focus on reducing isolation placements, by de-escalating situations. Adair has strived to build better relationships with the youth we serve. Adair continues to offer multiple vocational classes and apprenticeship programs to help youth become a productive citizen. Adair is two programs, we run a detention facility and a residential facility. Adair’s population is the most difficulty youth in the state with very aggressive youth; and staff here continue to de-escalate and attempt every avenue before restraining a youth or placing the youth behind a close door. During this year, Adair had two (2) detention youth to earn their high school diploma, one (1) residential youth to earn his high school diploma, and one (1) detention youth to earn his GED. We strive to ensure the youth we serve are given better opportunities /tools when they leave to make better choices and a better life.

Green River Youth Development Center

GRYDC decreased isolations and restraints by offering positive incentives, and our staff using de-escalation techniques when dealing with out-of-control residents. GRYDC staff received additional training in de-escalation, positive reinforcement and validation from our Treatment Director and Counselors. Five Students received High School Diplomas. We had 9 students receiving OSHA certification, 6 received copper certification, 6 received audio/video certification and 3 received fiber certification and 3 Telecom certifications. GRYDC organized and hosted a softball tournament for YDC’s in June 2021. GRYDC

has been successfully facilitating Zoom visitations between youth and their families as in person visitation was not allowed due to COVID 19 precautions.

Lake Cumberland Youth Development Center

Lake Cumberland has continued in cleaning up roadside trash throughout the county to increase their activity fund. Youth participated in the DJJ Spelling Bee and ended up having two out of the top three finalists. Youth also participated in a Softball Tournament / Homerun Derby at Green River YDC. Nine youth have received their High School Diplomas, nine youth have received Fiber Optic certificates, eight youth have received OSHA certificates, eight youth have received NCCER certificates, five youth have received State Certifications in welding and eight youth have received Welders Helper. Lake Cumberland has had many evidence-based trainings for staff including: Verbal Judo and PADDI 5. We have also had Aggression Replacement Training for the youth which is a 10-week cohort. All 10 youth graduated the program. Lake Cumberland YDC has had zero isolations and our youth incentive program has allowed staff more tools to help guide our youth toward positive outcomes.

Mayfield Youth Development Center

In 2020, Mayfield YDC had many key improvements to facility grounds and buildings to include a remodel of the resident bathroom in order to address supervision and PREA concerns, shower control hardware updates, new mattresses for residents, a new utility vehicle for grounds maintenance, new flooring and carpet throughout main building, fifty new cameras throughout all facility buildings totaling over one hundred new views which essentially eliminated all blind spots and a new central heating and air unit for the main

building. A bright spot of COVID 19 was the use of Zoom for youth visitation. Youth were permitted several virtual visits with family per week. This provided an avenue for many youth to be able to have more contact with family during the virtual visitation than regular in-person visits. This will continue to be used at Mayfield YDC even when regular visits begin full time again. In 2020, many of our staff were temporarily reassigned in rotating assignments to McCracken Regional Juvenile Detention Center to help the facility due to critically low staffing (August 2020 - February 2021). Mayfield YDC staff are no longer reassigned but several staff continue to go help on their regular days off to assist. Temporary reassignment presented an extreme hardship on staff and they are happy to be back at Mayfield YDC.

Morehead Youth Development Center:

Morehead YDC has experienced an interesting year with enduring the pandemic and COVID-19 protocols. Youth were exposed to modern technology with the ability to initiate ZOOM calls with their families in lieu of face-to-face visitations, which has been very effective in maintaining the lines of communication between staff, youth, and the families. Our youth participated in the DJJ Spelling Bee, we had the overall winner for the Spelling Bee and our facility was selected as the overall facility winner. Five youth received their High School Diplomas. Thirteen youth earned thirty-one certifications that span across Microsoft Power Point, Excel, and Word along with Copper and Fiber through our C-Teck program. Eight youth also earned thirteen certifications between our horticulture and career options classes. Youth were allowed to visit several universities that were gracious enough to accommodate us with private tours, which included University of Kentucky, Eastern KY University, Northern KY University, Kentucky State University, and Morehead State University. Morehead YDC continues to

identify evidence-based trainings for staff including: Verbal Judo, PADDI 5, and Trauma Informed Care. Staff continue to identify positive motivators for the youth so they can earn daily motivators for their positive behaviors.

Northern KY Youth Development Center

The fiscal year 2020-2021 brought many challenges due to the adjustments necessary during the Co-vid pandemic. Outings were put on hold along with in-person visitation. Our population remained very low making it more of a manageable environment than what could have been with higher numbers. The low population also helped since we have had difficulty filling open positions. This, along with the staff being young and inexperienced would have been more of a challenge had we had more residents. The residents we had in this fiscal year were very productive, reacting well to the challenging times. We had two students graduate from high school, both who are currently taking college courses. Five students took the ACT and seven students were actively involved in vocational programs. The vocational programs include Masonry, Carpentry, Introduction to telecom, Copper cabling, Fiber Optics, Home Audio, Exploring I T, Telephone systems, Grounding and Bonding and Energy Management.

The NKYDC staff spent much of the year helping out with providing additional staff to assist at Campbell Regional Detention Center. Tom Milburn, who was moved to Youth Service Program Supervisor (YSPS) during the year was moved to Campbell and eventually took over as Superintendent. The year became a transitional year at NKYDC as multiple critical positions needed to be filled including Nurse Shift Program Supervisor (NSPS), YSPS, Assistant Superintendent, Treatment Director, Youth Worker Supervisors and numerous Youth Worker positions. Despite the remaining unfilled positions, we have been fortunate to fill

all management level positions with quality employees.

Woodsbend Youth Development Center

Woodsbend continues to prioritize education for the young men we serve. We had six (6) residents earn their high school diplomas through the Morgan County Board of Education and one (1) earned his GED. In addition, we offered several youths the opportunity to earn college credit through online courses. The pandemic was challenging by limiting the kinds of off-campus activities the youth enjoy (such as local basketball games, eating out at restaurants and going to the movies) but we helped compensate by taking advantage of the abundant outdoor opportunities in our area (fishing in local ponds and hiking at the Natural Bridge State Resort Park).

Woodsbend is the only DJJ residential facility to utilize the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system, an evidence-based three-tiered framework to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day.

Education staff have led the way in getting DJJ staff to “buy in” fully to the system, which has resulted in greater staff-resident relationships and has helped us lower our physical interventions and room placements to the lowest levels we’ve ever seen.

Woodsbend staff stepped up to help support our sister facilities who were struggling with staff shortages and pandemic-related issues. On multiple occasions youth workers volunteered to help staff several neighboring facilities. In addition, our dietary staff made multiple trips to Lexington to help out Fayette RJDC provide dietary services to their youth. Our maintenance staff also traveled multiple times to Morehead YDC to assist in their maintenance needs.

Group Homes

Ashland Group Home

Ashland Group Home continued to focus on teaching independent living skills. Three (3) youth earned their high school diplomas. Three (3) youth transitioned to Independent Living Programs after completion of our program during this period. Staff and youth participated in the H.E.E.R.O. workshop which focused on developing and improving support networks as they transition into the community. Youth and staff participated in our annual camping trip. Youth planted a vegetable garden and learned about wood-working and made craft projects to raise money for the Youth Activity Fund. We faced several challenges during the year with COVID and winter storms that left the facility without power, but staff and youth worked together to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Burnside Group Home

Burnside Group Home youth during the year of the pandemic, chose to stay motivated and creative during the pandemic lockdown. During the initial stages of the group home, youth built an obstacle course to exercise on, a fishpond and walkway, painted the interior of the group home, and utilized technology to participate in educational, family engagements, and other approved activities to enhance their pro social goals. During the year of the pandemic, there was 2 youth who had earned their diplomas and their families were able to attend via virtual utilizing technology. Youth and staff continue to solidify their positive relationship with the community through participation of volunteer projects with volunteers via zoom, and with Pulaski County Day Treatment Eagle Academy with PBIS. The youth have continued to build on vocational efforts through the wood bundling project at BSGH and positive community interactions

through road cleanups and continued to learn new social skills and positive work ethic.

Frankfort Group Home

Frankfort Group Home participated in limited community services due to Covid-19 restrictions. The residents helped deliver services to the homeless at the Men's Shelter/Soup Kitchen in Frankfort and donated blankets as well. They also picked up and disposed of trash through the Adopt-a-Highway project in the summer and fall of 2020. Educationally, three (3) residents received high school diplomas and several more earned a tremendous number of credits during their stays at FFGH. Resident/staff relations were positive and productive during the last year.

Frenchburg Group Home

We had 13 out of 15 youth successfully complete their programs here at the group home during this time period. Also, we had two resident's graduate from high school. Staff and residents have continued to stockpile firewood for resale to local sporting shops for the youth's activity fund. We have taken on a couple new buyers of firewood which has boosted the resident's activity fund to over \$10,000. Our youth were able to participate in PRIDE Clean-up in the month of April 2021. Due to Covid-19 we have not been able to work with the local animal shelter or the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Hopkinsville Group Home

Hopkinsville Group Home continues to serve male youth ranging in age from 14-18. Due to COVID restrictions, youth have been limited in participation of off campus activities. During this time, staff came up with activities on campus that would help in promoting social skills, interpersonal development and problem solving. Youth made birdhouses for the community as a fundraiser for their activity

account. Youth also participated in a remote control car obstacle course on campus as well as completed activities using marijuana goggles so that they could see what it was like to complete these activities impaired. Youth were able to visit off campus local parks where contact with others would be minimal. Youth have also been able to order pick up food from local restaurants. Youth continue to attend Christian County Day Treatment Center. From July 2020-June 2021, 2 youth obtained their high school diploma.

Jackson Group Home

This past year Jackson Group Home has had many positives that has been a result of our program. With an average population of four youth, Jackson Group Home was able to successfully have 16 youth complete the program. One youth gained his high school diploma from Breathitt County Schools through the day treatment program here on the group home campus. Jackson Group Home also had four youth who received their CTECH certificate during their time here. Jackson group home completed many different community service projects through the year as well. Jackson Group Home youth and staff made hand tied blankets that were donated to the Nim Henson nursing home here in Jackson. Also, youth filled Easter eggs that were donated to the community egg hunt as well as assisted in completing a blessing box that is used in our community. Jackson Group Home staff strives to better the youth of all kids committed to the department of juvenile justice and the youth within our care.

London Group Home

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, opportunities to participate in community activities have been limited. Despite this, youth received the opportunity to participate in the first annual DJJ Spelling Bee. They have grown their own garden. They have also participated in several recreational activities like hiking at

Cumberland Falls, fishing, playing frisbee golf and baseball at the Veterans Park and Levi Jackson State Park. Youth participated in several cookouts at the group home and also had an outing to see fireworks for the 4th of July. One youth received his high school diploma from North Laurel High School. London Group Home had a total of six youth graduate the program and return to the community.

Middlesboro Group Home

Middlesboro Group Home has faced the challenge of navigating through a Global Pandemic and in general youth have remained positive through the whole experience. Even though they have been forced to stay at the facility way more than usual, youth have kept up with treatment work and adjusted well to virtual learning through Middlesboro High School. Zoom has been utilized for Volunteer activities with several Zoom meetings from volunteer members of the Community. The volunteer meetings consisted of step-by-step cooking process where youth baked cookies, make rice crispy treats, and a lasagna. They had question-and-answer meetings with an Appalachian Regional Healthcare staff member answering questions about COVID-19 and baking brownies. Another benefit of the Zoom meetings is the improvement of Parent/Guardian contact with youth. Middlesboro rarely had parent/guardian visits but with zoom most residents visit with someone a couple of times a week along with their regular phone calls. Youth have worked to improve our raised garden beds to offer future residents the opportunity to grow more and different vegetables. Considering the obstacles, we faced it was a productive year filled with ups and downs and residents that Middlesboro GH will not soon forget.

Westport Group Home

Westport Group Home has made progress in a few areas of operations regardless of the impact of COVID-19. They include:

- **Implemented annual trainings for staff**
- **No restraint for the year**
- **More internal programing for our youths**
- **More youth and family contacts**
- **NTI online education for residents**
- **Group homes continue to provide services to youth and their families**
- **Three youths completed high school**
- **Upgrade of landscape**

During FY-2020-2021, Westport Group Home provided therapeutic services to nine (9) residents and their families. The group home collaborated with Louisville Day Treatment Center to provide education and services to residents. Because of this impactful collaboration between the group home and Louisville Day, three (3) students graduated high school. Jefferson County Public Schools staff in collaboration with Louisville Day Treatment Center conducted formal programs for students in order to recognize their achievements.

Due to COVID-19 some operations of the group home, mainly off campus activities were suspended. Resident intake was also impacted by COVID-19 pandemic thus affecting services that are normally provided to residents and their families by the group home. However, the group home increased indoor and out- door recreation activities in order to lessen the impact of COVID on residents and staff.

Day Treatment Programs

Ashland Day Treatment

COVID 19 closed in person instruction from March 12, 2020 to March 1, 2021. During this period, we worked to get Chromebooks to our students so they could continue with their education and counseling services. In addition, counselors made phone calls to our student's families 2 to 3 times weekly. These phone calls were to check on the well-being of the family as a unit, and especially the well-being of our students. We had 46 students enrolled during the year with 8 students earning their high school diploma. Ashland Day Treatment utilizes community resources to be able to provide the essentials for our students. As a result, we were able to provide students with hygiene items and clothing.

Breathitt County Day Treatment

The 2020 – 2021 school year was a year for challenges and difficult obstacles to overcome. During this time period we battled with the challenges of COVID-19 and the idea of what a Virtual Classroom would look like. During this school year Breathitt County Day Treatment had 16 Admissions and 22 Discharges. The day treatment received students from the following: Breathitt County Schools, Jackson Independent Schools, Lee County Schools, Jackson Group Home, several foster care agencies, the Department of Community Based Services, and DJJ. Around our daily tasks of providing counseling, in-class instruction and virtual class staff collected donations for flood victims, built blessing boxes for the community, delivered meals to families, delivered chrome books and homework to keep students caught up and connected. Our staff assisted Breathitt Regional Juvenile Detention Center and Jackson Group Home with coverage as well. In May of 2021, Breathitt County Day Treatment held an outside graduation with (4)

students earning their high school diplomas from Breathitt County High School and (5) Network Cabling Certificates were awarded to students.

Christian County Day Treatment

During the reporting period, the program admitted 11 students and discharged 15. During the COVID shutdown, facility staff delivered breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students. Educational and treatment services were provided virtually. 5 students received their high school diploma during the fiscal year. The Christian County Day Treatment Center received students from the following resources: Christian County Schools, Christian County Juvenile Court, Christian County Drug Court, Hopkinsville Group Home, DJJ Community Services Branch and the Department of Community Based Services. The facility's contribution to the community is twofold. The program affords the public school system an avenue for students who are beyond their ability to control, thus creating a better educational environment in the public school system. Secondly, the facility provides an educational opportunity for those who have fallen behind and struggle with behavior related issues.

Hardin County Day Treatment

Due COVID19 virus our school was closed most of the year, but staff was still engaged with our youth, with delivering (2) meals a day (breakfast and lunch) to each youth. Counselors conducted family sessions, Group, and individual counseling through Zoom, Google or phone, this allowed us to stay up with their treatment plans.

HCDT teachers applied for an Operation round-up grant for student technology during distance learning and received 10 Chromebooks for students who lack access to necessary technology for at-home use. The

funds awarded helped provide students with quality and diverse content and daily contact with Teachers and staff, we were also able to help students that did not have internet access to find hot-stops or location for free internet. With staff and the offered technology, the HCDT had (1) one Graduate from high school and (3) three complete the program.

Hardin County Day Treatment is in the process of providing home Economics/family and consumer sciences classes for a vocational and educational program. Cooking, nutrition, housekeeping, personal finance, personal wellness and consumer issues.

Louisville Day Treatment

This has been a challenging year for Louisville Day. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak JCPS schools were closed for in person learning and the youth had to attend school virtually. All Louisville Day staff members were detailed to Jefferson Regional Juvenile Detention Center to assist with staffing during this time. The youth received online instructions from the teachers as well as group therapy from a JCPS Mental Health Therapist for their treatment piece. School resumed in person in April with 6 youth in person and the others still attending virtually. Once the regular school year was over in June the youth had a two-week break before summer school began. Several youths attended summer school and it was a big success. The youth were allowed to go on numerous outings and eat at different restaurants throughout the city. This was and still is a great morale booster for the staff and youth. It allowed the staff/youth to build stronger relationships and it also let the staff see another side of the youth outside of the facility. After each outing the staff was proud to comeback and report how the youth was very respectful and displayed good mannerism without needing to be redirected.

Owensboro Day Treatment

During this time period ODT continued to deliver academic services to our students by using the virtual platform. The staff also delivered meals to our students during this pandemic. We had a student receive his diploma from our program and another received his GED. We had outdoor ceremonies for both of these youth and their families. The students returned back to in-person learning in March 2021. This return was very successful academically and successful with regards to treatment.